

In the claims:

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4. (Currently Amended) A vehicle as claimed in claim [3]5, wherein each winch line has a hook at the free end thereof.
5. (Currently Amended) A vehicle for raising and transporting a crypt lid, the vehicle comprising a main frame supported on spaced ground-engaging elements which locate astride the crypt lid when the vehicle is positioned over the crypt lid, an attachment frame for connection to the lid, the attachment frame being located within the main frame, and a powered lifting mechanism for raising the attachment frame relative to the main frame, wherein the attachment frame has a plurality of winches thereon, each having a winch line connectible to a respective attachment fitting on the crypt lid, further comprising a support frame mounted on the main frame and slidable therealong in a direction transverse to the direction of motion of the vehicle, and at least one hydraulic cylinder for moving the support frame transversely relative to main frame, the attachment frame being suspended from the support frame.
6. (Original) A vehicle as claimed in claim 5, wherein the attachment frame comprises a generally horizontal rectangular frame, and the powered lifting mechanism comprises a plurality of hydraulic cylinders, each connected between a respective corner of the rectangular frame and the support frame.
7. (Original) A lid lifting vehicle for raising and transporting a crypt lid, the vehicle comprising
 - a main frame of generally rectangular configuration when viewed from above, and having a longitudinal axis,
 - a support frame mounted on the main frame, and adjustable relative to the main frame in a direction transverse to the longitudinal axis,

an attachment frame dependent from the support frame, the attachment frame having connectors thereon for connection to respective attachment fittings on the crypt lid, and

means for raising and lowering the attachment frame relative to the support frame and within the main frame, to thereby raise or lower the crypt lid when connected to the attachment frame.

8. (Original) A vehicle as claimed in claim 7, wherein the connectors comprise winch cables wound on respective winches, and having their free ends adapted to be connected to the attachment fittings.

9. (Original) A method of raising a crypt lid which is buried under soil and/or turf, comprising the steps of
locating the horizontal position of the crypt lid,
placing a template having an outline corresponding to the outline of the crypt lid on the soil/turf directly above the crypt lid, and cutting through the soil/turf around the perimeter of the template,

positioning a lid lifting vehicle over the crypt lid, the vehicle having a main frame and an attachment frame located within the main frame, the attachment frame being able to be raised or lowered relative to the main frame,

connecting the attachment frame to the crypt lid through the overlying soil/turf,

raising the attachment frame relative to the main frame to thereby lift the crypt lid and any soil/turf overlying the crypt lid, and

moving the vehicle to a different location with the crypt lid suspended from the attachment frame thereof.

10. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the attachment frame has a plurality of winches, each having a cable wound thereon, and the step of connecting the attachment frame to the crypt lid comprises connecting the winch cables to respective attachment fittings on the crypt lid.

11. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 9 wherein the attachment frame is suspended from a support frame by

hydraulic cylinders, the support frame being supported on the main frame and moveable laterally relative to the main frame, further comprising the step of adjusting the lateral position of the support frame relative to the main frame to locate the attachment frame over the crypt lid.

12. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the step of raising the attachment frame comprises lifting the attachment frame using the hydraulic cylinders.

13. (Currently Amended) A vehicle as claimed in claim [3]5, wherein the vehicle is a trailer and the ground-engaging elements are wheels.

14. (Previously Presented) A vehicle for raising and transporting a crypt lid, the vehicle comprising a main frame supported on spaced ground-engaging elements which locate astride the crypt lid when the vehicle is positioned over the crypt lid, an attachment frame for connection to the lid, the attachment frame being located within the main frame, and a powered lifting mechanism for raising the attachment frame relative to the main frame, and a support frame mounted on the main frame and slidable therealong in a direction transverse to the direction of motion of the vehicle, and at least one hydraulic cylinder for moving the support frame transversely relative to main frame, the attachment frame being suspended from the support frame.

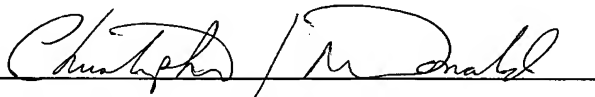
15. (Previously Presented) A vehicle as claimed in claim 14, wherein the attachment frame comprises a generally horizontal rectangular frame, and the powered lifting mechanism comprises a plurality of hydraulic cylinders, each connected between a respective corner of the rectangular frame and the support frame.

By this amendment, claims 4-15 are pending.

Claims 3 has been cancelled and claim 5 rewritten in independent form. Claims 4 and 13 have been amended to depend from claim 5. All claims are allowable and favorable action is eagerly and earnestly solicited. If any issues remain and the Examiner believes a telephone conversation would resolve such issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

If any fees are due and owing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account 08-2455.

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